

# SNACK MINDFULLY, ENJOY THE MOMENT!

Mindful Snacking is an approach that encourages you to eat with attention and to be present in the moment.



Snacking is part of everyday living. It can provide fuel for energy or a boost to jump-start your day. It can also simply be a treat. These days, though, there is so much focus on what people are eating, and not enough on **WHY** and **HOW** to fully enjoy a snack.

## EXPERTS SAY MINDFUL SNACKING LEADS TO:



A positive relationship with food <sup>1,2</sup>



More satisfying snacking moments <sup>3</sup>



Being less likely to overeat <sup>4,5</sup>

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### FIRST, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND **WHY** YOU WANT A SNACK.

Do you need fuel, energy for a pick-me-up or comfort?

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### THIS WILL HELP YOU CHOOSE WHAT TO EAT FOR A MORE SATISFYING SNACKING EXPERIENCE.

Are you looking for something **sweet** or **savoury**, **creamy** or **crunchy**, **hot** or **cold**, **soft** or **crispy**?



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### THEN, BE IN THE MOMENT. HERE'S **HOW**:

#### ✓ PORTION OUT YOUR SNACK

and put the rest away; or choose single, pre-wrapped servings of snack foods

#### ✓ MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

(phone, TV, computer)

#### ✓ SMELL AND TASTE

each bite fully

#### ✓ CHEW SLOWLY

and give each bite your full attention

#### ✓ NOTICE

the texture

#### ✓ FINISH

your bite before you take the next



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